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Steve Lackey Kennecott Barneys Canyon Mining Company 8200 South 9600 West P.O. Box 311 Bingham Canyon, Utah 84006-0311

Re: Permit Review Status, Barneys Canyon Mine, M/035/009, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. Lackey:

On October 4, 1996, the Division received Kennecott Barneys Canyon Mining Company's submission for changes to the Barneys Canyon mine. Due to a backlog of other permit reviews, the Division was not able to complete the review of this plan within the usual timeframe. Please accept our apology for the delay and any inconvenience this may cause you.

It has been determined that this submission can be accepted as an amendment rather than a revision. Therefore, the Division will be able to approve the submission without it having to go through the 30-day public comment period, or go through the Board for approval. However, if it is determined that the surety amount will have to be adjusted (which at this time we don't anticipate), it will have to go through the Board for approval of the new form and amount of surety.

We hope to complete our review of your application within the next 30-45 days. We appreciate your patience and understanding in this regard. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns with this proposed review schedule.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

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